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Pamela Blakley Permit Section Chief  
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Dear Ms. Blakley:

Your positive assistance in the Putzmeister, Inc. construction permit application to the Wisconsin DNR would be appreciated. The fact that Racine County is now considered a "moderate non-attainment area" under the 8-hour ozone standard seems to provide a negative opportunity to stall the potential expansion of one of our few growing companies here in southeastern Wisconsin. Racine County currently maintains the highest unemployment rate in the State of Wisconsin. It is my hope that you will agree that Putzmeister will not become a major source with the proposed modification, because it will limit its emissions to less than 100 tons of VOC per year, the threshold for a major source in this area, and Putzmeister has never been a major source. Second, Putzmeister would not be changing emission limits solely by virtue of a relaxation of current emission limits. Rather, its project involves an expansion of production and assembly operations. As a result of this expansion, a process bottleneck would allow increased utilization of existing production capacity of existing paint booths and the need for new and expanded booths. On the basis of these arguments, I hope that you will agree that the requirements of ss. NR 408.04 to 408.09 do not apply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Roger Caron'.

Roger Caron  
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